Claims:

1. A plant transformed with at least one polynucleotide molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence(s) encoding one or more constituent protein(s) of spindle bodies (SBs) or spindle-like bodies (SLBs) from an insect virus, said nucleotide sequence(s) being operably linked to a suitable promoter sequence(s), wherein said transformed plant expresses said protein(s) in, at least, plant tissue or tissues susceptible to damage by feeding insects.

2. A plant according to claim 1, wherein the one or more constituent protein(s) is/are selected from fusolins, fusolin-like proteins and ER-specific chaperone BiP proteins.

3. A plant according to claim 1 [or 2] which expresses a fusolin protein.

4. A plant according to claim 3, wherein the fusolin protein is selected from fusolins from *Heliothis armigera* EPV (HaEPV), *Pseudaletia separata* EPV (PsEPV), *Choristoneura biennis* EPV (CbEPV) and *Dermolepida albohirtum* EPV.

5. A plant according to claim 1 [or 2] which expresses a fusolin-like protein.

6. A plant according to claim 5, wherein the fusolin-like protein is selected from fusolin-like proteins from *Autographa californica* (AcMNPV), *Bombyx mori* (BmMNPV), *Choristoneura fumiferana* (CfMNPV), *Lymantria dispar* (LdMNPV), *Orgyia pseudotsugata* NPVs (OpMNPV) and *Xestia c-nigrum GV* (XcGV).

7. A plant according to [claim 1 any one of the preceding claims] which further expresses an exogenous toxin or other agent that is deleterious to insects.

8. A plant according to claim 7, wherein the exogenous toxin is selected from *Bacillus thuringiensis* δ-toxin and insect neurohormones.

9. A feed bait composition comprising spindle bodies (SBs) or spindle-like bodies (SLBs) from an insect virus, or one or more constituent protein(s) of said spindle bodies or spindle-like bodies, together with an agriculturally acceptable carrier.

10. A feed bait composition according to claim 9, wherein the one or more constituent protein(s) is/are selected from fusolins, fusolin-like proteins and ER-specific chaperone BiP proteins.

11 A feed bait composition according to claim 9 or 10, wherein the one or more constituent protein(s) is a fusolin protein.

12. A feed bait composition according to claim 11, wherein the fusolin protein is selected from fusolins from *Heliothis armigera* EPV (HaEPV), *Pseudaletia separata* EPV (PsEPV), *Choristoneura biennis* EPV (CbEPV) and *Dermolepida albohirtum* EPV.

13. A feed bait composition according to claim 9 or 10, wherein the one or more constituent protein(s) is a fusolin-like protein.

14. A feed bait composition according to claim 13, wherein the fusolin-like protein is selected from fusolin-like proteins from *Autographa californica* (AcMNPV), *Bombyx mori* (BmMNPV), *Choristoneura fumiferana* (CfMNPV), *Lymantria dispar* (LdMNPV), *Orgyia pseudotsugata* NPVs (OpMNPV) and *Xestia c-nigrum GV* (XcGV).

15. A feed bait composition according to any one of claims 9-14, wherein the spindle bodies, spindle-like bodies or constituent protein(s) comprise 0.05 to 15.0% (by weight) of the composition.

16. A feed bait composition according to any one of claims 9-15, further comprising a pheromone(s) or other chemical attractive to insects.

17. A feed bait composition according to any one of claims 9-16, wherein the agriculturally acceptable carrier is selected from edible substances.

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18. A method of controlling or preventing damage caused to plants from feeding insects, said method comprising applying to said plant a feed bait composition according to any one of claims 9-17 before, after or together with an insecticidal chemical and/or biological agent.

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19. A method of controlling or preventing damage caused to a plant according to any one of claims 1-8 from feeding insects, said method comprising applying to said plant an insecticidal chemical and/or biological agent.

20. A method according to claim 18 or 19, wherein the insecticidal chemical is selected from organophosphate compounds.

21. A method according to claim 18 or 19, wherein the biological agent is selected from pathogenic bacteria.

22. A method according to claim 18 or 19, wherein the biological agent is selected from insect viruses.